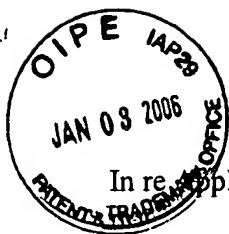


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of: A.L. Strand

Serial No.: 10/002,811

Filed: November 2, 2001

For: Punch Device for Creating a Guide
Notch in a Polymeric Fastener
Attached to a Plastic Package

) Confirmation No.: 3820

) Group Art Unit: 3724

) Examiner: Stephen Choi

) Atty. Dkt. No.: 86012-31400-USPT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is provided in response to the Final Official Action dated September 2, 2005, and the Advisory Action dated November 22, 2005, the period for response having been extended one month to January 3, 2006, by the petition filed concurrently herewith. The Amendment is provided to expedite resolution of this matter by placing this application in condition for allowance and/or in better condition for appeal. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following Amendments and Remarks into the file of this application.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.